

*Boat*  
a plate pivotally attached to the base and including an upper surface, a lower surface, a first end, a second end, and a slot extending through the plate along a longitudinal axis of the plate intermediate the first and second ends, the slot having a first width at a first portion thereof and a second width at a second portion thereof, the first width being larger than the second width;

a carrier being slidably received in the slot and sized to be removed from the slot when positioned adjacent the first width of the slot and impeded from being removed when positioned adjacent the second width of the slot; and

a blade attached to the carrier, wherein a portion of the blade extends below the lower surface of the plate within the channel when the plate is disposed over the cutting region.

4. (Amended) The paper trimmer of claim 2, wherein the slot includes the first width at the first and second ends of the plate, and wherein the slot has the second width between the first end and the second end of the plate.

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5. (Amended) The paper trimmer of claim 1, wherein the carrier includes first and second cylindrical portions on opposite sides of the slot, and wherein the plate includes an arcuate portion on each side of the slot corresponding to the cylindrical portions of the carrier such that the carrier travels along the plate via the interaction of the cylindrical portions with the arcuate portions.

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13. (Amended) The paper trimmer of claim 12, wherein the locating means includes a stud attached to one of the first portion and the second portion of the blade holder, the blade includes a cutting edge and a foot having an aperture sized to receive the stud.

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17. (Amended) A material trimmer comprising:  
a base having a support surface and a cutting region having a channel;  
a plate movably attached to the base and including:  
oppositely facing upper and lower surfaces,  
an elongated slot therethrough,

an elevated portion proximate each side of the slot, the elevated portion leading to an arcuate surface, and

a distal second end;

A5 a carrier including a top flange having a pair of oppositely extending sides, a foot extending from the top flange, the foot being slidably received within the slot, and a portion of the pair of oppositely extending sides being arcuate in shape and slidably received within the arcuate surface of the elevated portion; and

a blade attached to the carrier, a portion of the blade extending below the lower surface of the plate within the channel when the plate is disposed over the cutting region,

wherein the slot has differing minimum and maximum widths, and wherein the foot is capable of being removed from the slot when the carrier is positioned adjacent the maximum width of the slot, and wherein the foot is substantially incapable of being removed from the slot when the carrier is positioned adjacent the minimum width of the slot.

A5 19. (Amended) The material trimmer of claim 17, wherein the slot has the minimum width at the substantially opposite ends of the plate, and wherein the slot has the maximum width between the substantially opposite ends of the plate.

24. (Amended) A material cutter, comprising:

a base having a support surface and a cutting region having a channel;

a plate movably attached to the base and including:

oppositely facing upper and lower surfaces,

an elongated slot therethrough,

an angled portion proximate each side of the slot, the angled portion

A6 leading to an arcuate surface, and

a distal second end;

a carrier including a top flange having a pair of oppositely extending sides, a foot extending from the top flange, the foot being slidably received within the slot, and a portion of the pair of oppositely extending sides being substantially cylindrical in shape and slidably received within the arcuate surface of the elevated portion; and